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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6024

BILL NUMBER: HB 1119

NOTE PREPARED: Sep 9, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Joint Legal Custody.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Pond

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: No Fiscal Impact

Summary of Legislation: This bill establishes a rebuttable presumption that an award of joint legal custody is in the best interest of a child. The bill requires a court, if a party seeks to rebut the presumption, to consider: (1) the fitness and suitability of each of the persons awarded joint legal custody; (2) the ability of the parents to communicate and advance the child's welfare; and (3) whether the child has established a close and beneficial relationship with both of the persons awarded joint legal custody. The bill repeals a provision containing language that is relocated within the Indiana Code. It also repeals a provision providing that a custodial parent may determine the child's upbringing.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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